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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA ACCEPTS JURISDICTION UNDER INTER-AMERICAN
HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION

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1. FONMIN FACIO ANNOUNCED AT MAY 27 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT COSTA RICA HAD DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE UNCONDITIONALLY THE COMPETENCE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS MANDATED IN THE 1969 INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (SAN JOSE PACT). THUS COSTA RICA, WHICH IN 1970 WAS THE FIRST NATION TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION (COLOMBIA IS THE ONLY OTHER COUNTRY TO HAVE DONE SO), BECOMES THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE OFFICIALLY AND PUBLICLY THE AUTHORITY OF THE LEGAL ENTITIES ESTABLISHED THEREIN.

2. FACIO'S ANNOUNCEMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF THE COMMISSION IS TO PROMOTE AND DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS,
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WHILE THAT OF THE COURT IS TO HEAR AND RULE ON CHARGES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY NATION(S) THAT SIGNED AND RATIFIED THE PACT. COSTA RICA, THE STATEMENT ADDED, DECIDED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMPETENCY OF THESE BODIES BECAUSE A RATIFYING COUNTRY IS OBLIGATED TO DO SO, AND GOCR CONSIDERS THESE FUNCTIONS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.
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3. COMMENT: FACIO'S ANNOUNCEMENT IS ANOTHER POSITIVE MARK
FOR COSTA RICA IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS. IT IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH
GOCCR'S POLICY OF COMPLYING WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN HUMAN
RIGHTS MATTERS ACROSS THE BOARD. THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT
SHORTLY BEFORE MRS. CARTER'S VISIT--DURING WHICH THE GOCCR
WILL UMFERLINE ITS HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD, PERFORMANCE, AND
LEADERSHIP--IS NOT COINCIDENTAL.
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